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THERE'S LOTS OF GRAIN.

The Final Bulletin Has Been Issued by
Secretary Coburn.

OBOP YIELDS AND FARM VALUES.

Increase in Winter Wheat Yield is 160 Per
Cent. Over Last Year.

The Kansas Board of Agriculture issued a final bulletin just before Thanksgiving showing the State's crop yields and farm values and the numbers and farm values of live stock for the year 1897. The total yield of winter wheat is 50,040,374 bushels, worth \$33,798,612, or almost 160 per cent. more than last year's crop. Its average yield per acre for the entire State is 15.07 bushels. The corn crop is 152,140,939 bushels, or 69,278,421 bushels less than in 1896, and its value \$28,555,293, or \$7,077,720 less. Of oats the yield is 23,431,273 bushels, an increase of 4,116,501 bushels. The value of the crop is \$3,828,192; the increased value, \$1,121,540; the yield per acre, 23.82 bushels. Spring wheat shows a yield of 986,230 bushels, as against 601,523 bushels in 1896. Its value is \$586,691.

The combined home value of winter and spring wheat, corn and oats is \$66,763,788. Of the same crops in 1896 it was \$15,071,330 less.

The following table presents the yields of winter wheat, corn and oats for each county in 1897:

	Winter wheat, bushels.	Corn, bushels.	Oats, bushels.
Allen	57,152	1,488,499	156,744
Anderson	32,944	1,379,120	195,514
Atchison	216,230	1,613,027	334,660
Barber	144,040	447,538	17,337
Barton	2,944,688	403,314	47,536
Bourbon	58,290	1,719,414	277,923
Brown	580,672	3,645,150	704,323
Butler	122,434	1,578,730	242,456
Chase	51,428	595,180	54,300
Chautauque	248,340	1,496,390	149,656
Cherokee	307,350	1,345,451	415,978
Cheyenne	15,294	354,297	49,716
Clark	25,207	59,574	4,290
Clay	463,488	3,577,121	719,716
Cloud	513,088	2,973,000	562,443
Coffey	139,777	1,529,232	195,968
Comanche	32,232	40,332	1,000
Cowley	1,278,732	2,332,160	613,725
Crawford	349,661	1,327,729	588,248
Decatur	328,652	2,452,200	66,538
Dickinson	1,186,178	2,302,130	582,616
Doniphan	430,512	2,421,144	551,297
Douglas	236,166	1,955,676	230,568
Edwards	444,624	236,960	110,619
Elk	197,916	1,704,828	30,968
Ellis	1,707,015	292,961	41,216
Ellsworth	1,812,543	695,472	11,886
Finney	24,585	10,512	29,968
Ford	290,808	134,290	175,656
Franklin	85,080	1,607,207	206,194
Geary	185,796	1,014,438	191,250
Gove	254,016	122,905	17,250
Graham	144,193	786,998	51,170
Grant	170	2,128	1,438
Gray	33,348	15,048	11,150
Greenlee	17,555	8,413	1,144
Greenwood	22,722	2,309,078	50,670
Hamilton	13,310	7,740	3,210
Harper	1,121,456	606,544	181,194
Haskell	1,137,980	690,807	476,690
Hawley	35,410	16,878	5,616
Hodgeman	159,174	43,848	29,075
Jackson	15,960	3,110,467	219,029
Jefferson	89,950	1,956,275	301,649
Jewell	379,449	7,279,058	580,894
Johnson	245,235	1,420,530	374,601
Kearny	18,718	10,428	5,305
Kingman	578,746	491,564	51,806
Kiowa	70,192	77,656	8,960
Lafayette	631,070	1,339,861	754,350
Lane	244,559	17,564	7,530
Leavenworth	241,575	1,545,720	313,719
Lincoln	1,653,972	706,590	35,416
Linn	89,424	1,913,256	231,616
Logan	211,941	52,644	25,305
Lyon	53,889	1,947,060	169,763
Marion	1,392,666	1,534,444	1,217,528
Marshall	419,860	6,892,330	818,610
McPherson	2,535,879	1,875,260	624,240
Meade	36,706	22,900	4,144
Miami	97,185	1,583,277	297,507
Mitchell	907,913	1,842,396	141,627
Montgomery	76,095	1,564,420	384,192

	Winter wheat, bushels.	Corn, bushels.	Oats, bushels.
Morris	18,824	1,535,356	119,030
Morton	3,060	2,528	2,355
Nemaha	176,602	6,320,327	621,225
Neosho	393,754	1,783,589	478,014
Ness	603,081	129,852	27,706
Norton	155,056	2,097,424	126,040
Osage	47,520	3,275,706	164,703
Osborne	662,592	1,864,896	54,900
Ottawa	1,014,426	1,549,864	122,440
Pawnee	1,399,128	121,494	135,358
Phillips	185,687	4,453,358	183,222
Pottawatomie	89,440	3,973,164	315,552
Pratt	368,676	319,532	21,000
Rawlins	309,904	735,318	40,040
Reno	1,065,280	1,658,304	321,530
Republic	141,530	7,739,158	974,840
Rice	1,531,344	904,167	125,853
Riley	79,452	2,231,450	429,465
Roos	458,184	1,106,722	92,720
Rush	1,250,296	172,470	64,862
Russell	1,190,604	716,573	35,790
Saline	1,513,106	633,653	122,124
Scott	105,406	4,707	9,290
Sedgewick	1,493,712	1,267,506	768,339
Seward	6,590	3,610	1,820
Shawnee	24,548	1,784,296	143,946
Sheridan	316,140	573,867	65,642
Sherman	68,337	274,278	27,054
Smith	396,588	5,155,350	279,403
Stafford	557,436	662,109	35,258
Stanton	220	1,561	909
Stevens	3,508	5,424	3,318
Summer	4,585,060	2,229,968	779,518
Thomas	615,032	382,092	78,400
Trego	413,462	120,000	32,946
Wabaunsee	88,324	1,708,336	87,192
Wallace	10,428	33,722	5,304
Washington	324,786	6,812,855	1,002,537
Wichita	162,575	35,790	14,280
Wilson	159,390	1,828,340	130,575
Woodson	35,960	722,350	100,000
Wyandotte	96,482	490,420	76,726

Total 50,040,374 152,140,939 23,431,273

THE GROWING WINTER WHEAT.

The probable acreage of winter wheat sown the present autumn is about 3,845,000 acres, or an increase over the previous year of 16 per cent. An increase is reported from every county. In spite of an unusually dry fall in much of the State a large proportion of the wheat, even in those parts, has germinated, is growing, and promises well. The price of wheat for the year averages for the State 75 cents per bushel.

CORN.

The prices at which the corn crop is being contracted to feeders and others in the cattle-fattening and corn-raising counties averages 22 cents; 53 per cent. of the crop is likely to be sold at these prices before January.

An estimate of the cattle to be grain-fattened shows practically the same as one year ago, with big increases in the heavy-yielding corn counties.

ALL CROPS AND PRODUCTS.

The yields and values of the year's crops and products are as follows:

	Winter and spring wheat, bushels.	Values.
Wheat, bushels	51,026,604	\$34,385,304
Corn, bushels	152,140,939	28,555,293
Oats, bushels	23,431,273	3,828,192
Rye, bushels	1,613,027	559,821
Barley, bushels	1,772,426	362,753
Buckwheat, bushels	14,313	7,872
Irish and sweet potatoes, bushels	5,342,489	2,644,001
Castor beans, bushels	49,082	46,827
Cotton, pounds	69,675	4,159
Flax, bushels	1,198,882	958,105
Hemp, pounds	77,900	4,230
Tobacco, pounds	172,900	17,290
Broom corn, pounds	46,397	402,509
Millet and Hungarian, tons	700,546	1,973,226
Sorghum for syrup, gallons	1,271,152	418,358
Sorghum, Kaffir corn, milo maize and Jerusalem corn for forage		6,189,031
Tame grasses		2,048,933
Prairie grasses		4,395,088
Wool clip, pounds	762,444	91,495
Cheese, butter and milk		5,279,752
Poultry and eggs sold		3,850,297
Animals for slaughter or sold for slaughter		37,781,678
Horticultural and garden products and wine		1,429,860
Honey and beeswax		539,876
Wood marketed		127,175
Total value		\$136,235,258

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THE NEW LAW-MAKERS.

New Faces Which Would Be Seen at Special
Session of Legislature.

If a special session of the Legislature should be called there would be many new faces in evidence. In the Senate Senator Harris' seat would be filled by J. C. Stone, a well-to-do farmer and stockman of Leavenworth county. He is a Populist. Senator Wallack's seat would be occupied by R. T. Andrews, of Effingham, who was a candidate in the Republican convention last year against Wallack. It will be remembered that Senator Wallack died last summer.

In the House Ed. Welles' (Dem.) seat would probably be vacant as he has just accepted a position in the office of the sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate. Clark Davis' (Pop.) of Wilson county has gone to the Klondike and will not be likely to be back in time for a special session. Ike Lambert (Rep.) has been appointed United States District Attorney and Charley Harris (Rep.) has been elected to succeed him. F. T. Patton (Pop.) of Barber county, has resigned and gone to Oregon. W. C. Millar (Rep.) has been elected over W. A. Creighton (Pop.) to his seat. It is questionable whether A. N. Reed (Rep.) who has just been elected Treasurer of Kiowa county could legally sit, but in view of the fact that his term as Treasurer does not begin until next October and as nothing would be gained by either party by objecting to him, it is probable that no attention would be given to the matter. John Heckman (Rep.) of Gove county, will not be a member in case of a special session and his seat is vacant as yet. Gove county voters elected James M. Sutcliffe (Rep.) to succeed him, but as no special election proclamation was issued he will not receive a certificate. S. M. Jackson (Rep.) of Comanche, has been appointed postmaster at Coldwater and his acceptance of that office vacates his seat. No successor has yet been chosen. Lester Perry (Rep.) of Wallace county, resigned just in time to give the Governor an opportunity to issue a special election proclamation, but Governor Leedy did not then accept it although he has done so since. It looked like a scheme to take the Populists unawares and leave them insufficient time to get a candidate on the ticket, so that seat is also vacant. C. E. Lobdell (Rep.) of Lane county, resigned and went to Kansas City, where he bought and is publishing the Tribune. F. A. Filson (Rep.) won in the election in that district over F. S. Tingley (Pop.). C. A. Maxwell (Pop.) of Grant county, who was confined in a Buffalo (N. Y.) hospital during the entire time of the last session, has since died. At the recent election Frank Byers (Rep.) was elected over Cooper, the Populist nominee.

These changes do not affect the Senate politically as party membership is the same. In the House the Populists lose four members and the Republicans lose five with a doubt in the Reed case not taken into consideration or included. The Republicans gain two members by the election of Millar and Byers in place of Patton and Maxwell. Two Populist seats are vacant, while the vacant seats on the Republican side are three in number. It is probable that if Governor Leedy calls a special session that he will also call a special election in each of the districts where vacancies exist and give the people an opportunity to be represented. If either side should

win all of them it would not change the party representation to a sufficient extent to give the Republicans control of the House.

Bryan to be Nominated Without a Convention.

Chicago, November 27.—The Post's Washington special says: "From members of the Democratic National committee who are now in the city, it is learned that a plan is on foot to inaugurate a new departure next time in the methods of nominating a candidate for the presidency. The scheme is briefly this:

"The Democratic State conventions will be held as usual in 1900 for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention and doing the usual part toward keeping up the machinery of the party. The convention will order the delegates to meet at once and instruct the national committee to readopt the Chicago platform in its entirety and without changing it in the minutest particular. The delegates will further be instructed to direct the national committee to cast the votes of the State delegations for Mr. Bryan and to authorize that gentleman to name his own running mate. Unanimous consent to this scheme is not expected, but an overwhelming majority is anticipated, and the result will be that there will be no national Democratic convention.

"This proceeding is yet three years distant, and many things may happen in three years, but there is no question about the intention of the Bryanites to force the renomination of the Nebraskan in the manner that has been outlined above."

Jury Bribery at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., November 26.—Ross W. Latschaw, a Justice of the Peace and a brother of Ralph Latschaw, who is one of the attorneys in the Dr. Goddard murder case, has been arrested charged with attempting to bribe a juror. Clarence M. Boyd, a butcher, had been drawn as a juror in the case. He says that Latschaw came to him and offered \$75 if he would qualify and hang the jury. The proposition was to place the money in the hands of Boyd's employer until the case was tried. Boyd refused to serve as a juror stating that he had read all about the case and had formed an opinion. Hung juries have become so common in Kansas City that it will not be much of a surprise to know that in at least one case bribing was attempted to accomplish that result.

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